

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including:

- (a) a housing having at least one carrying feature;
- (b) a battery [or the battery and at least one additional battery] mounted within the housing;
- (c) an inverter circuit for inverting an output of the battery[, or an output of the at least one additional battery, or the output of the battery and the at least one additional battery] to produce a modeler's AC power output; and
- (d) a modeler's power panel connected to the housing and operatively connected to receive power from the battery[, or the at least one additional battery, or the battery and the at least one additional battery], the modeler's power panel being located on an exterior surface of the housing and including [at least one DC output for powering a modeler's accessory] a modeler's DC pump output, a modeler's DC glow plug output, and a modeler's DC starter output.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further including a battery charging control circuit operatively connected to the battery [or to the battery and the at least one additional battery] for charging the battery [or the at least one additional battery] when the charging control circuit is powered.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 further including a source battery monitoring device operatively connected to the charging control circuit and adapted to be

1 connected to a DC power source, the source battery monitoring device for discontinuing a
2 charging operation charging the battery [or the battery and the at least one additional
3 battery] when the DC power source reaches a predefined discharge level.

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5 4. Canceled

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7 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further including a master switch
8 operatively connected to the modeler's power panel to selectively disable the modeler's
9 power panel from receiving power from [either] the battery [or the at least one additional
10 battery].

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12 6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the battery [or the battery and the
13 at least one additional battery are] is adapted to be charged by a standard 12 volt DC
14 automotive power system.

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16 7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further including an inverter master switch
17 operatively connected to the inverter circuit for selectively disabling the inverter circuit.

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19 8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including:

20 (a) a housing having at least one carrying feature;

21 (b) an electrical power storage arrangement mounted within the housing;

- 1 (c) an inverter circuit for inverting an output of the electrical power storage
2 arrangement to produce a modeler's AC power output; and
3 (d) a modeler's power panel connected to the housing and operatively connected to
4 receive power from the electrical power storage arrangement, the modeler's power
5 panel being located on an exterior surface of the housing and including [at least
6 one DC output for powering a modeler's accessory] at least one of a modeler's
7 DC pump output, a modeler's DC glow plug output, and a modeler's DC starter
8 output.
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- 10 9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 further including a charging control circuit
11 operatively connected to the electrical power storage arrangement for charging the
12 electrical power storage arrangement when the charging control circuit is powered.
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- 14 10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 further including a DC source monitoring device
15 operatively connected to the charging control circuit and adapted to be connected to a DC
16 power source, the DC source monitoring device for discontinuing a charging operation
17 charging the electrical power storage arrangement when the DC power source reaches a
18 predefined discharge level.
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1 11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 when the modeler's power panel includes
2 [a] the modeler's DC pump output, [a] the modeler's DC glow plug output, and [a] the
3 modeler's DC starter output.

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5 12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 further including a master switch operatively
6 connected between the electrical power storage arrangement and the modeler's power
7 panel to selectively disable the modeler's power panel.

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9 13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the electrical power storage arrangement is
10 adapted to be charged by a standard 12 volt DC automotive power system.

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12 14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 further including an inverter master switch
13 operatively connected to the inverter circuit for selectively disabling the inverter circuit.

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15 15. (Currently Amended) A method including the steps of:

16 (a) supplying an appropriate DC output from an electrical power storage arrangement
17 to at least one of a modeler's DC pump output, a modeler's DC glow plug output,
18 and a modeler's DC starter output [a modeler's field accessory power output], the
19 electrical power storage arrangement being mounted in a readily portable housing
20 and the at least one of the modeler's DC pump output, modeler's DC glow plug

1 output, and modeler's DC starter output being located so as to be accessible from
2 outside the readily portable housing; and

3 (b) inverting the DC output from the electrical power storage arrangement to produce
4 a modeler's AC output.
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6 16. (Original) The method of claim 15 further including the step of charging the electrical
7 power storage arrangement from a DC automotive power system.
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9 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further including the step of monitoring the DC
10 automotive power system while charging the electrical power storage arrangement, and
11 discontinuing charging in response to a predetermined discharge level monitored from the
12 DC automotive power system.
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14 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 [wherein the step of] further including
15 supplying the DC power output from the electrical power storage arrangement to each of
16 the modeler's DC pump output, the modeler's DC glow plug output, and the modeler's
17 DC starter output [a modeler's field accessory power output includes supplying DC
18 power to a modeler's starter motor output, a modeler's fuel pump output, or a modeler's
19 glow plug output].
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- 1 19. (Original) The method of claim 15 further including the step of applying the modeler's
2 AC output to a battery charging circuit to charge a battery associated with a model control
3 device.